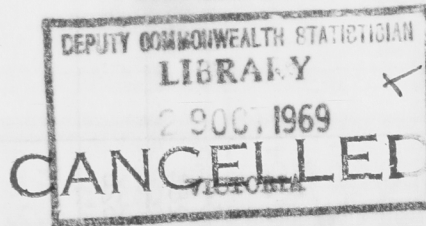


COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS

VICTORIAN OFFICE



VICTORIAN STATISTICS

PUBLICATION NO. 101/1969

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS: PRELIMINARY STATEMENT, 1967-68

This publication contains preliminary statistics of industrial accidents reported to the Victorian Government Statist during 1967-68 under the provisions of the Workers Compensation Regulations.

The collection is restricted to fatal cases and to those where the worker was incapacitated for work for a period of one week or more. Reports included relate to workers compensation claims finalised during 1967-68, and to claims reported as unclosed after a period of three years. Thus the cases to which the statistics relate did not necessarily occur in 1967-68.

The effect of the provisions of the Workers Compensation Act should be noted:

- (a) In accordance with the provisions of the Amendment Act 1965, the definition of "worker" excludes any person employed whose remuneration exceeds \$6,000 per annum. However, some employers do insure against liability for employees whose income exceeds the amount specified in the Act.
- (b) Commonwealth employees and self-employed persons are excluded from the provisions of the Act, and consequently some industry classifications are not covered at all while coverage is reduced in some other instances (e.g., Defence Services and Communications).

Industrial Accident. For the purpose of this collection, the following definition has been applied: "An Industrial Accident is a compensated work injury causing death, permanent disability, or absence of the injured person from work for one week or more, excluding journey cases, cases occurring during a recess period, and all disease cases except where the disease is considered to be precipitated or aggravated by an accidental event".

Tables have been included to provide information concerning accidents occurring on journeys to and from employment or during a recess period, disease cases, and workers compensation business transacted.

For further definitions see the more detailed annual bulletin to be released at a later date.



V.H. ARNOLD

Deputy Commonwealth Statistician
and Government Statist

COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS,
Commonwealth Banks Building,
Cnr Elizabeth and Flinders Streets,
MELBOURNE. 3000

24 October 1969

Inquiries concerning these statistics may be made in Melbourne by telephoning 63 0181, Extension 6082.

VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS, JOURNEY AND RECESS CASES, AND OTHER DISEASES.

1967-68

Particulars	Number			Cost of Claims			Period of Incapacity		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
<u>Industrial Accidents</u>					\$			Weeks	
Fatal	40	1	41	357,733	265	357,998	112,111	21,642	133,753
Non-Fatal	28,196	4,754	32,950	8,572,397	1,124,475	9,696,872	112,111	21,642	133,753
Total	28,236	4,755	32,991	8,930,130	1,124,740	10,054,870	112,111	21,642	133,753
<u>Journey and Recess</u>									
Fatal									
Accidents	16	1	17	112,029	7,950	119,979	..	..	..
Diseases	33	..	33	181,678	..	181,678	..	..	..
Non-Fatal									
Accidents	1,487	953	2,440	395,581	200,630	596,211	7,089	4,342	11,431
Diseases	55	10	65	113,185	15,427	128,612	1,409	284	1,693
Total	1,591	964	2,555	802,473	224,007	1,026,480	8,498	4,626	13,124
<u>Other Diseases</u>									
Fatal	255	2	257	1,535,855	5,707	1,541,562	..	..	..
Non-Fatal	1,285	701	1,986	1,104,337	170,420	1,274,757	14,999	3,742	18,741
Total	1,540	703	2,243	2,640,192	176,127	2,816,319	14,999	3,742	18,741
<u>Grand Total</u>									
Fatal	344	4	348	2,187,295	13,922	2,201,217	..	..	..
Non-Fatal	31,023	6,418	37,441	10,185,500	1,510,952	11,696,452	135,608	30,010	165,618
Total	31,367	6,422	37,789	12,372,795	1,524,874	13,897,669	135,608	30,010	165,618
<u>Previous Years</u>									
1965-66	35,314	6,687	42,001	11,102,297	1,345,337	12,447,634	142,858	27,922	170,780
1966-67	35,783	6,785	42,568	12,765,285	1,530,341	14,295,626	162,481	31,137	193,618

Note. Comprises fatal and non-fatal claims closed during the year or unclosed claims of three years duration. Period of incapacity is one week or more.

VICTORIA - NUMBER, COST OF CLAIMS, AND PERIOD OF INCAPACITY OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS, BY INDUSTRY GROUPS, 1967-68

Industry Group	Males					Females		
	Fatal		Non-Fatal			Non-Fatal		
	No.	Cost	No.	Cost	Period	No.	Cost	Period
Primary		\$		\$	weeks		\$	weeks
Mining and Quarrying	4	3,215	1,569	418,301	7,467	85	23,458	418
Manufacturing -	1	9,650	127	63,124	767	..	..	..
Cement, Bricks, etc.	1	12,572	840	279,619	3,383	34	6,343	114
Founding, Engineering, etc.	3	15,931	4,111	1,226,449	15,669	416	127,426	1,823
Ships, Vehicles, etc.	3	27,913	855	426,855	3,836	34	10,295	109
Textiles, Clothing, Footwear	..	..	868	319,926	3,819	785	149,329	3,183
Food, Drink, Tobacco	2	9,676	2,086	501,474	7,035	436	103,025	1,724
Sawmilling and Wood Products	4	39,081	915	301,430	3,593	17	1,746	47
Paper, Printing, etc.	..	..	607	238,612	2,216	128	29,139	489
Petrol, Chemical and Rubber Products	2	31,991	807	317,147	3,175	133	54,359	594
Other Manufacturing	1	27,859	709	240,252	3,133	186	40,564	584
Total Manufacturing (a)	16	165,023	11,798	3,851,764	45,859	2,169	522,226	8,667
Electricity, Gas, Water, Sanitary (a)	1	14,931	275	74,191	1,012	8	1,854	52
Building and Construction (a)	3	46,864	3,560	1,291,073	14,696	157	63,437	1,806
Transport, Storage and Communications (a)	1	8,455	1,596	382,106	6,045	15	1,540	33
Commerce	2	9,107	3,477	761,764	11,519	607	117,212	2,383
Community Services, etc.	1	10,002	1,483	418,822	6,624	812	182,272	3,692
Amusements, Personal Services, etc.	..	..	690	169,239	2,809	490	117,665	2,651
Govt, Semi-Govt, Finance and Other	11	90,486	3,621	1,142,013	15,313	411	94,811	1,940
Total	40	357,733	28,196	8,572,397	112,111	4,754	1,124,475	21,642
Previous Years								
1965-66	50	308,457	31,005	7,345,000	115,257	4,602	900,000	17,818
1966-67	43	386,055	32,153	9,103,000	127,718	5,052	1,112,000	21,555

(a) Excludes claims relating to employees of State Government bodies.

Note. In addition there was one fatal accident to a female reported during the year.

4

VICTORIA - WORKERS COMPENSATION BUSINESS, 1963-64 TO 1967-68

Year	Wages on Which Premiums Were Paid	Gross Premiums Received less Adjustments	New Claims Arising During Year		Claims Paid During Year	Claims Outstanding at End of Year
			Fatal (a)	Non-fatal		
	(\$'000)				(\$'000)	
1963-64	2,118,939	29,859	628	209,044	22,480	32,233
1964-65	2,382,194	34,539	613	221,474	22,815	34,823
1965-66	2,404,459	48,816	525	205,735	24,925	42,277
1966-67	2,730,791	52,521	490	203,537	25,787	48,864
1967-68	2,943,388	53,712	709	201,436	29,396	54,865

(a) The rise in the number of Fatal Accidents arising during 1967-68 is due partly to a change in recording methods of an insurer which submits returns.

CLAIMS PAID DURING YEARS 1963-64 TO 1967-68

(\$'000)

Year	Under Workers Compensation Act									Under Other Acts and Common Law Damages, etc.	Total
	Compensation			Medical, etc. Services					Legal Costs, etc.		
	Weekly Compen- sation	Lump Sum - Death	Lump Sum - Maim	Doctor	Hospital	Chemist or Reg- istered Nurse	Ambulance	Other Curative, etc. Services			
1963-64	7,590	2,994	3,213	3,123	1,493	168	100	278	1,589	1,932	22,480
1964-65	7,632	2,968	3,036	3,298	1,600	180	107	308	1,998	1,688	22,815
1965-66	8,422	3,084	3,212	3,442	1,683	185	119	343	2,018	2,417	24,925
1966-67	8,216	2,938	2,931	3,683	1,979	180	122	339	2,571	2,828	25,787
1967-68	8,789	4,109	3,155	3,795	2,340	190	124	387	2,842	3,665	29,396

Note. The above tables refer to workers compensation business transacted during the year. Previous tables refer to claims closed, or if unclosed of 3 years duration.